GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2465
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PROCUREMENT OF PADDY
A.C. JOSE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to purchase paddy and rice from the growers in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the quantity of rice and paddy that has been procured till now during the current year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a),(b)&(c): FCI has not found it feasible to take up procurement of paddy and rice inAndaman & Nicobar Islands due to a number of constraints/limitations. However, the A&N Administration has been asked to examine the possibility of taking up the procurement of paddy/rice under Decentalized Procurement Scheme under which financial support is provided by the Central Government.